

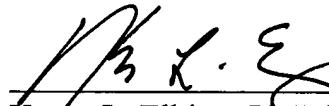
REMARKS

Applicants have amended the description of FIGURE 1A to include a sequence identifier for the sequence shared by human (SEQ ID NO: 1) and mouse (SEQ ID NO: 2) m-RIP. Support for this amendment is found in FIGURE 1A. Applicants have also amended the specification to direct the entry of the sequence listing in the application and to indicate that the application contains color figures. No new matter has been added by any of these amendments.

Although no charges are believed to be due, if there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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